
For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.

Jill M. Peterson, Assistant Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA 2019–0004]

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a new matching program with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA).

The matching agreement (agreement) sets forth the terms, conditions, and safeguards under which VA/VBA will provide SSA with information necessary to: (1) Identify certain Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Special Veterans Benefits (SVB) recipients under Title XVI and Title VIII of the Social Security Act (Act), respectively, who receive VA-administered benefits; (2) determine the eligibility or amount of payment for SSI and SVB recipients; and (3) identify the income of individuals who may be eligible for Medicare cost-sharing assistance through the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) as part of the agency’s Medicare outreach efforts.

DATES: The deadline to submit comments on the proposed matching program is 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register (FR). The matching program will be applicable on November 11, 2019, or once a minimum of 30 days after publication of this notice has elapsed, whichever is later. The matching program will be in effect for a period of 18 months.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may comment on this notice by either telefaxing to (410) 966–0869, writing to Matthew D. Ramsey, Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, G–401 WHR, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6401, or emailing Matthew.Ramsey@ssa.gov. All comments received will be available for public inspection by contacting Mr. Ramsey at this street address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Norma Followell, Supervisory Team Lead, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, G–401 WHR, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6401, at Telephone: (410) 966–5855, or send an email to Norma.Followell@ssa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Matthew Ramsey, Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel.

Participating Agencies

SSA and VA/VBA.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The legal authorities for SSA to conduct this computer matching are sections 806(b), 1144, and 1631(e)(1)(B) and (f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1006(b), 1320b-14, and 1383(e)(1)(B) and (f)). The legal authority for VA to disclose information under this agreement is section 1631(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1331(f)), which requires Federal agencies to provide such information as the Commissioner of Social Security needs for purposes of determining eligibility for or amount of benefits, or verifying other information with respect thereto.

Purpose(s)

The agreement establishes the conditions under which VA/VBA will provide SSA with information necessary to: (1) Identify certain SSI and SVB recipients under Title XVI and Title VIII of the Act, respectively, who receive VA-administered benefits; (2) determine the eligibility or amount of payment for SSI and SVB recipients; and (3) identify the income of individuals who may be eligible for Medicare cost-sharing assistance through the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) as part of the agency’s Medicare outreach efforts.

Categories of Individuals

The individuals whose information is involved in this matching program are those individuals who are receiving VA compensation or pension benefits and SSI or SVB benefits.

Categories of Records

VA will provide SSA with electronic files containing compensation and pension payment data. SSA will match this VA data with its SSI/SVB payment information. SSA will conduct the match using the Social Security number, name, date of birth, and VA claim number on both the VA file and the Supplemental Security Income Record and Special Veterans Benefits system of records (SOR).

System(s) of Records

VA will provide SSA with electronic files containing compensation and pension payment data from its SOR entitled the “Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records-VA” (58VA21/22/28), republished with updated name at 74 FR 14865 (April 3, 2009) and last amended at 77 FR 42593 (July 19, 2012). Routine use 20 of 58VA21/22/28 permits disclosure of the subject records for matching purposes.

SSA will match the VA data with SSI/ SVB payment information maintained in its SOR entitled “Supplemental Security Income Record and Special Veterans Benefits” (60–0103), last fully published on January 11, 2006 (71 FR 1830), and amended on December 10, 2007 (72 FR 69723), July 3, 2018 (83 FR 31250–31251), and November 1, 2018 (83 FR 54969).

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1290X; Docket No. AB 303 (Sub-No. 52X)]

Wisconsin Rapids Railroad, L.L.C—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Wood County, WI; Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Abandonment Exemption—in Wood County, WI

On September 20, 2019, Wisconsin Rapids Railroad, L.L.C. (WRR), and Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL) (collectively, Petitioners) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a joint petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 for WRR to discontinue service over, and WCL to abandon, approximately 1.1 miles of railroad line known as the Biron Lead extending from milepost 0.4 at Plover Road (State Highway 54) north to milepost 1.5 at South Biron Drive in Biron, Wood County, Wis. (the Line).\(^1\) The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 54494.

According to Petitioners, after discontinuance and abandonment, the rail and track materials on the Line will be removed. Petitioners, as well as the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, have determined that the Line is no longer necessary.

\(^{1}\) WRR’s lease of the Line from WCL was the subject of a notice of exemption served on August 16, 2019. Wis. Rapids R.R.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Line of Wis. Cent. Ltd., FD 36339 (STB served Aug. 16, 2019).
remain in place and will be transferred to ND Paper Inc. (ND Paper), which owns a paper mill that is the sole rail-served facility on the Line. (Joint Pet. 1–2) Petitioners state that upon consummation of the discontinuance and abandonment and conveyance of the Line to ND Paper, WCL will continue to handle ND Paper’s traffic to Plover Road pursuant to a rail transportation contract, and WRR (or an affiliate) will handle traffic over the Line as a private contract switching carrier for ND Paper. (Joint Pet. 2.) ND Paper supports the joint petition. (Joint Pet., Ex. C)

According to WCL, the Line does not contain any federally granted rights-of-way and any relevant documentation in WCL’s possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by January 8, 2020.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 120 days after the filing of the petition for exemption, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, whichever occurs sooner. Persons interested in submitting an OFA must file a formal expression of intent to file an offer by October 21, 2019, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (i.e., subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(1)(i). Following authorization for abandonment, the Line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than October 30, 2019.

All pleadings, referring to Docket Nos. AB 1290X and AB 303 (Sub-No. 52X), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on (1) WRR’s representative, Michael E. Gray, Watco Companies, LLC, 315 West 3rd Street, Pittsburg, KS 66762 and (2) WCL’s representative, Thomas J. Litwiler, Fletcher & Sippell LLC, 29 North Wacker Dr., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606. Replies to this petition are due on or before October 30, 2019.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment and discontinuance procedures may contact the Board’s Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245–0238 or refer to the full abandonment and discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152.

Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board’s Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (202) 245–0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by OEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who comment during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact OEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA generally will be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.


By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kenya Clay,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 405X)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in the City of Cincinnati, Ohio and Hamilton County, Ohio

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon rail service over an approximately 0.64-mile rail line, from milepost CT 3.06 to milepost CT 3.70, including 2,868 feet of unmileposted runaround track located at milepost CT 3.49, in the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Hamilton County, Ohio (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 45207 and 45212.

NSR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years, and overhead traffic, if there were any, could be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies), and 49 CFR 1105.7 and 1105.8 (environmental and historic report), have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on November 9, 2019, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues must be filed by October 18, 2019. Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by October 21, 2019. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by October 30, 2019, with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001.

Persons interested in submitting an OFA must file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (i.e., subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(1)(i).

The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board’s Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption’s effective date. See Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption’s effective date.

Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(23) and (27), respectively.